Closure of Maharana Mills Ltd.

233. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Star-red Question 28 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th April, 1993 and state:

(a) the date on which Maharana Mills Ltd., Porbandar was closed down;

(b) whether there is any proposal to take over any of these mills by NTC; if so, the details thereof in case of each mill which will be taken over by NTQ

(c) whether any attempt has been made to revive any of these sick mills under the provisions of the Sick Companies Act, 1985; if so, the details thereof in each such case; and

(d) whether any other steps have since been taken to rehabilitate the af fected workers; if so, the details there-

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRl G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Maharana Mills Ltd. has been closed since 13.2.1983.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government have set up a Nodal Agency/Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), to evolve and manage rehabilitation package in respect of sick and closed textile mills and has also created Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund to provide interim relief to the eligible workers rendered jobless as a result of permanent/partial closure of an eligible mill.

Technology Mission on Cotton

234. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the President of the Northern India Textile Mills Association (NITMA) has advocated a provident integrated cotton management policy and launching of a technology mission on cotton as per the news item entitled "Need for cotton mission" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 14th June, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what is the response of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) As per the news item, proposed cotton mission should harness the best of production and management technologies and harmonise the interests of the farmers; consumers and textile industry with the economy as a whole. The feasibility of setting up a technology mission on cotton was examined in the Ministry of Agriculture and it has been felt that there was no scope for setting up the mission on cotton as cotton mainly a rainfed commodity not only covers a very wide and scattered area but additionally it also faces typical problems of ginning, packing, spinning weaving and marketing etc.

Streamlining of Financial Management of NTC Mills

235. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE; Will the Minister of TEXTI-LIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of National Textile Corporation mills have been declared sick because of poor financial management;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government have adopted to streamline the financial management of these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY); (a) to (c) The reasons for sickness of NTC mills include, inter-alia, old and obsolete machninery, low productivity, low capacity utilisation,

unsatisfactory management, lack of work ' Culture, over staffing at various levels etc Government have approved a Turn. Around Strategy for NTC mills involving Selective modernisation, financial and almanagerial restructuring and rationalisation of surplus workforce through the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के तहत संचालित कपड़ा मिलों को होने वाला घाटा

236. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के तहत संचालित कपड़ा मिलों का आर्थिक घाटा निरन्तर बढ़ता जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि वर्ष 1992-93 में इस घाटे की राशि में और भी बढ़ोतरी हो जाने का अनुमान है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो गत वर्ष की तुलना में उक्त वर्ष के दौरान कितना अधिक घाटा हुआ है ; और

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार द्वारा स्थापित राष्ट्रीय नवीकरण कोष 1992-93 में कुछ धनराशि व्यय करके इन मिलों की हालत सुधारने का प्रयास किया गया था ; यदि हां, तो भविष्य में रुग्ण कपड़ा मिलों के बारे में सरकार की क्या योजना है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकटस्वामी) : (क) से (ग) एन.टी.पी.सी. को वर्ष 1990-91 में 192 करोड़ रु०, 1991-92 में 314 करोड़ रुपये तथा 1992-93 में 442 करोड़ रु० (अनन्तिम) के निवल घाटे हुये।

(घ) सरकार ने एन टी पी सीसे लिये एक सर्वांगीण सुधार नीति अनुमोदन किया है जिसमें अन्य बातों साथ-साथ चुनिंदा आधुनिकीकरण, वित्त और प्रबंधकीय पुनःसंरचना तथा स्वैच्छि सेवा निवृत्ति योजना के जरिये फाल कर्मचारियों को सुव्यवस्थित करना शामि है । स्वैच्छिक सेवा निवृत्ति योजना कार्यान्वयन से संबंधित संघटकों के अन्त सुव्यवस्थित कामगारों के लिये पु: प्रशिक्षण तथा पुनः नियोजन तथा सामा बजटीय समर्थन के अलावा द्रव्यता प्रावधान से सर्वांगीण सुधार नीति कार्यान्वयन अवधि के दौरान कार्यश पूंजी की आवश्यकताओं को राष्ट्र नवीकरण निधि से पूरा किया जायेग

NTC Mills in the country

237. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHA RAKANT BHANDARE; Will the ister of TEXTILES be pleased to st

(a) what is the number of The mills in the country;

(b) what are the details of their duction and employment;

(c) whether many of these mills sick requiring modernisation of operations;

(d) if so, what are the steps tak modernise these Textile Mills; and

(e) if so, what is the number of Textile mills which have been economically viable and also the of mills which have been dosed so

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Their 1142, Cotton/Man-made Fibre The mills in the country as on 31.3.93.

(b) Production of yarn and cloth cotton/man-made fibre textile mill the organised sector during the 1992-93 has been as unders;—

(i) All yam —1895 (Mn. (ii) All cloth —2000 (MM. Mtrs.)